

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
June 14, 2022  
8:00 a.m.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Gary Unruh, Jason Selvidge & Mitch Millwee

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Roy Pierucci & Barry Watts (observed telephonically)

**OTHERS PRESENT**

District Staff / Consultants – Dan Bartel, Trent Taylor, Megan Misuraca, Markus Nygren, Zach Smith, Dan Raytis and Jennifer Spaletta (via telephone during closed session).

Public – Justin Murray, Ken Bonesteel, John Gaugel, Bryan Bone

**CALL TO ORDER**

Director Selvidge called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2022

Ms. Misuraca noted that a correction was made on item 3d from the May meeting to change the resolution number shown on the agenda as 523 to 526. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Millwee to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular May 13, 2022. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Selvidge, Unruh and Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

- a) Treasurer’s Report – Ms. Misuraca reviewed the treasurer’s report as of May 31, 2022 and reported the County of Kern had technical issues preventing the release of a monthly statement for the county fund accounts in May therefore the balance in the County fund accounts still reflects April 30, 2022 balances. Ms. Misuraca also noted that the fieldwork for the Fiscal Year End December 31, 2021 was completed the first week of June.

- b) Accounts Payable/ May 12, 2022, through June 10, 2022 – Ms. Misuraca reviewed the accounts payable report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Unruh to ratify and approve payment of the accounts payable in the total amount of \$1,520,610.15. The motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Selvidge, Unruh and Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- c) Revenue and Expenditures Report – Ms. Misuraca reviewed the current Revenue and Expenditures Report through May 31, 2022.

- d) Financial Controls – Ms. Misuraca reviewed the updated financial controls layout with the Board noting the changes made due to staffing changes and the addition of Work Force Go payroll processing.

**DISTRICT OPERATIONS REPORT**

- a) District Groundwater Levels – Mr. Nygren reviewed the current District water levels with reference to the District’s thresholds under SGMA in the various zones of the District’s management area noting that discussions of zone and threshold changes are occurring.
- b) Operations Report – Mr. Smith reviewed current operations including projected demands for 2022.
- c) Maintenance Report – Mr. Smith reviewed maintenance projects that have taken place over the last month.

**STATE WATER PROJECT ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

- a) Update on State Water Project Operations – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on current operations and reviewed the 8-station index graph with the Board. Mr. Taylor also briefed the Board on the letter received from Kern County Water Agency regarding the Sisk Dam repair.
- b) California Delta Conveyance Project – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on the status of the Delta Conveyance Project and noted the DEIR is expected to be released mid-July for public review.
- c) Consideration of a Transfer and Exchange Agreement – Westside Water Authority – Mr. Taylor reviewed the details of the agreement with the Board. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Millwee authorizing staff to execute the Agreement for a 4,500 acre-foot Water Exchange and Transfer Between Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District and Westside Water Authority. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Selvidge, Unruh and Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- d) Consideration of a Transfer and Exchange Agreement – Crimson Resource Management Corp. – Mr. Taylor reviewed the details of the agreement with the Board. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Unruh authorizing staff to execute the Agreement for a 500 acre-foot Water Exchange and Transfer between Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District and Crimson Resource Management Corp. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Selvidge, Unruh and Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

- a) Consideration of Continuing Emergency Action - Public Contract Code §22050(c)(1) – Res. No. 519 – Mr. Bartel reviewed the memo with the Board describing current and expected hydrologic conditions, and the need to continue the emergency action. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Millwee to continue the Emergency Action per Resolution No. 519. The motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Selvidge, Unruh and Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- b) Report on Tour With Cal Poly BRAE Students – Mr. Bartel reported this item will be tabled until the July Board meeting.
- c) Consideration of Pilot “Miscellaneous Water” Agreement with the City of Bakersfield – Discussion of this item was deferred.

#### **ENGINEERS / PROJECTS REPORT**

- a) Onyx Ranch
  - i. Operations Report – Mr. Bartel gave an update on staff activities including water operations and flows to the Board.
- b) Improvement Projects
  - i. Scada Improvements – No report.
  - ii. Consideration of Pay Estimate- McCaslin Ponds - Mr. Nygren briefed the Board on the status of the McCaslin Pond Construction noting increased costs due to additional pipe that was located and will require removal. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Unruh to approve Pay Estimate No. 3 for Gilliam and Sons in the Amount of \$252,644.21 with \$13,297.06 retention withheld. The motion was unanimously passed.  
AYES: Directors Selvidge, Unruh and Millwee  
NOES: None  
ABSTAINED: None

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority – Mr. Bartel reported GBJPA staff is working to secure additional federal funding.
- b) James Groundwater Banking Authority – Mr. Bartel reported a screen check of the DEIR is being reviewed.
- c) Kern Groundwater Authority
  - i. Update on DWR Incomplete Determination Response Coordination – Mr. Taylor and Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the latest activities and the KGA efforts on coordination.
- d) Rosedale Management Area Committee – Mr. Bartel reported staff will be holding a meeting for the finalization of the Rosedale Management Area chapter revision.
- e) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – Mr. Nygren gave a brief report on latest activities.
- f) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee – No report.
- g) Pioneer Project – Mr. Taylor gave a brief report.
- h) Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) – No report.
- i) Kern Fan Authority – No report.
- j) Joint Operating Committee (JOC) – Mr. Bartel reported the updated model is up and running.
- k) Committee for Delta Reliability – No report.
- l) South Valley Water Resources Authority – No report.
- m) Valley Ag Water Coalition – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on Assembly Bill 2201 and Senate Bill 1219 and noted staff is monitoring.
- n) Kern Integrated Regional Water Management Plan – Mr. Taylor reported on potential grant funding through the plan.

- o) Sites Reservoir Project –Mr. Taylor gave a brief report on activities.
- p) Association of California Water Agencies – No report.

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

No report.

**OLD OR NEW BUSINESS**

No report.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CLOSED SESSION**

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 8:58 a.m. Director Selvidge announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 11:10 a.m. the Board reconvened to open session and Mr. Raytis announced no reportable actions were taken during closed session.

\*Subsequently Reportable Action – During closed session, Staff provided the Board with a report on settlement negotiations with the City of Bakersfield regarding *Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District vs. City of Bakersfield*, Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-19-103483. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Millwee to approve and authorize staff to execute a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release with the City of Bakersfield, and to take all other actions necessary to effectuate the terms of such agreement. The motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Selvidge, Unruh and Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.